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SUBAECT: TWELVE RADICAL LOWER HOUSE DEPUTIES CALL FOR
TERMINATION OF MILITARY ASSISTANCE TO GVN

1. LOCAL PRESS REPORTS 12 RADICAL LOWER HOUSE (LH) DEPUTIES
HAVE SIGNED OPEN LTR TO US CONGRESS WHICH HAS BEEN SENT TO
VARIOUS US SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEM. (LOWER HOUSE HAS 159
DEPUTIES) PRESS ALSO REPORTS LTR WILL BE READY BY UNNAMED CON-
GRESSMAN BEFORE 94TH CONGRESS.

2. TEXT NOT YET AVAILABLE, BUT CHARACTERIZED IN PRESS AS
EVALUATING PRESENT SITUATION AND REVIEWING US-VIETNAMESE
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RELATIONS, PAST AND PRESENT. THESE FOUND BAD BECAUSE SUCCESSIVE

UU GOVTS SUPPORTED GOVTS IN VIETNAM WHICH "DID NOT HAVE SUPPORT OF PEOPLE." LTR CONCLUDES BY CALLING FOR END OF AID TO "THIEU GOVT", REQUESTING ESTABLISHMENT OF "TRULY REPRESENTATIVE GOVT FOR THOSE WHO WEEK PEACE", AND PROVISION OF US AID TO "ALL OF PEOPLE OF SVN."

3. SIGNERS OF LTR ARE NGUYEN VAN BINH, LEADER OF LH NATIONAL GROUP AND NGUYEN HUU CHUNG, PLUS TEN MEMBERS OF EXTREME OPPOSITION LH PEOPLE'S SOCIETY BLOC AS FOLLOWS: HO VAN MINH, LY QUI CHUNG, HO NGOC NHUAN, KIEU MONG THU, PHAN XUAN HUY, NGUYEN CONG HOAN, TRAN NGOC GIAO, TRAN VAN THUNG, DINH XUAN DUNG, AND HUYNH NGOC DIEU.

4. ALL TWELVE SIGNERS HAVE LONG BACKGROUND OF RADICAL OPPOSITION TO THIEU AND OF POLITICAL ACTIVISM. ALL HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN EXTENSIVE PROTEST ACTIVITIES OVER PAST SIX MONTHS. ALL ARE IDENTIFIED WITH "THIRD FORCE", AND SOME HAVE PREVIOUSLY ATTACKED US POLICY. MANY CLEARLY ARE CLOSE POLITICAL ASSOCIATES AND ADVISORS OF GEN DUONG VAN (BIG) MINH.

5. ON JAN 25 AND 26 RESPECTIVELY, DEPUTIES NGUYEN VAN BINH AND HUYNH NGOC DIEU ALSO PUBLISHED SIGNED EDITORIALS IN LOCAL PRESS OPPOSING FURTHER US MIL AID TO GVN.

6. COMMENT. RELEASE OF LTR CLEARLY TIMED TO SUPPORT ANTI-VIETNAM PROTEST ACTIVITIES IN WASHINGTON ON OCCASION SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF PARIS AGREEMENT. DURING RECENT DEMONSTRATION BY NINE AMERICANS AFFILIATED WITH INDOCHINA RESOURCES CENTER (SAIGON 925), WE HAVE LEARNED DEPUTIES KIEU MONG THU AND HO NGOC NHUAN CONFERRED AT SOME LENGTH WITH US DEMONSTRATORS. WE WERE LATER AMUSED TO LEARN THAT AFTER RADICAL NUNS HAD SPENT SEVERAL LONELY HOURS MORNING OF JAN 25 WAITING VAINLY FOR THEIR NEW AMERICAN FRIENDS, IT WAS MS. THU WHO GAVE THEM A LIFT HOME.

7. WE NOTE THAT SENDING OF LETTER AND PUBLICITY GIVEN IT IN LOCAL PRESS IS FURTHER STRIKING EVIDENCE OF FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION ENJOYED BY VIETNAMESE DISSIDENTS UNDER THE CONSTITUTION OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIETNAM.

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